

Transportation Advisory Committee Project Selection Process

Only Transportation Advisory Committee members may vote on projects. The Committee Chair does not vote. A Committee member may not score a project submitted by his or her organization if the Committee member has a direct and immediate interest in the specific project.

When there is a spread of greater than three (3) points on a criteria score, a discussion amongst members about the reason for the numbers is required. Members will be able to change their score after discussion, but are not required to do so.

Based on information presented during the meeting, members may change their scores at any time.

Staff will record scores electronically and provide final scores and priority order of projects as they develop throughout the meeting.

The members determine project selection primarily through ranking criteria. However, the Committee may modify those selections when there is a consensus that extenuating circumstances exist. The Committee may also select projects outside its numeric scoring process.

The Committee may select a class of projects for planning and/or design efforts. For example, barge landings at small communities are a recognized need, but as individual projects, these projects do not segregate well into ranked order of development. Order of development is likely a function of site-specific information that will derive from planning and design-level efforts.

Subsequent to the meeting, Denali Commission staff will prepare a score summary and project selection list in priority order for each category of project. The score summary and project list will be sent to Committee members for review and approval.

Upon approval, the Committee Chair will prepare a report that includes a summary of the selection meeting, a progress report on projects in active status and a list of projects the Federal Co-Chair selected for planning, design and/or construction funding. The Federal Co-Chair or designee will present the report at the winter Denali Commission quarterly meeting. The report will be prepared in time to be included in the quarterly meeting packet.

The Federal Co-Chair approval of the Final Report will constitute a commitment to partner agencies and will be the basis for project agreements between the Denali Commission and project partners.